

Dane County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

PURPOSE

In order to protect the citizens of Dane County from harmful and possibly life- threatening effects of hazardous materials, the Dane County LEPC's purpose is to develop policies, procedures and emergency plans for the prevention, response to and recovery from hazardous materials incidents as they may occur in compliance with federal and state requirements.

AUTHORITY

Wisconsin Emergency Management / State Emergency Response Commission (WEM/SERC) is responsible for implementing the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) also referred to as the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986. WEM/SERC designated that each of Wisconsin's 72 counties establish a Local Emergency Planning Committee to be set-up in accordance with the federal legislation for implementation of EPCRA at the local level. WEM/SERC further designated the county Emergency Management Director be a member of the LEPC to ensure continuity and coordination of emergency response planning.

42 United States Code 11000 to 11050

Wisconsin Statutes 323.60 and 323.61

Dane County Ordinance Section 36.04(1), 36.04(7) 36.04(8)

FUNDING

Dane County currently receives \$98,430 under the EPCRA Planning and Administration Grant. This grant is only available to counties that have a LEPC operating in accordance to the EPCRA guidelines from WEM/SERC.

Annually, the LEPC applies for and is awarded \$10,000 in grant funding under the EPCRA Computer and HazMat Response Equipment Grant. These grant funds are used to purchase hazmat equipment and supplies for the City of Madison Fire Department Hazardous Incident Team which is Dane County's designated Type II Hazmat Team. These grants are only available for counties that have a LEPC and a designated HazMat Team.

MEMBERSHIP

Many professionals have served or are currently serving as members of the LEPC for Dane County. The LEPC typically has between ten and fourteen members. Per the LEPC's Organizational Guidelines, one of the members is a Dane County Board Supervisor. The Dane County Emergency Management Director is a member. Representatives from law enforcement, fire service, emergency medical service, community group, media, academia and industrial facility representatives serve on the LEPC. Members serve without compensation.

MEETINGS

The LEPC meets three times per year. The second Monday in February, June and October. Other meetings may be called by the Chairperson as needed.

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SUPPORT TO LEPC

Per Section 36.04(6) of Dane County Ordinances, staff from Dane County Emergency Management provides assistance to the LEPC. The department's HazMat Planner serves as the primary informational resource and other staff assists in preparing meeting agendas and reports.

NOTABLE ACTIVITIES

- Informational outreach attended by over 100 from insurance companies, schools, military, ag coops, industry, and government
- Commodity flow study
- Spill reporting guideline cards for industry/others
- Trifold brochure on hazmat emergencies, shelter-in-place, evacuations
- Annually update Dane County Strategic Plan for Emergency Response to Hazardous Materials Emergencies
- Monitor current events such as Baaken Crude Oil, pipelines, regulations, other